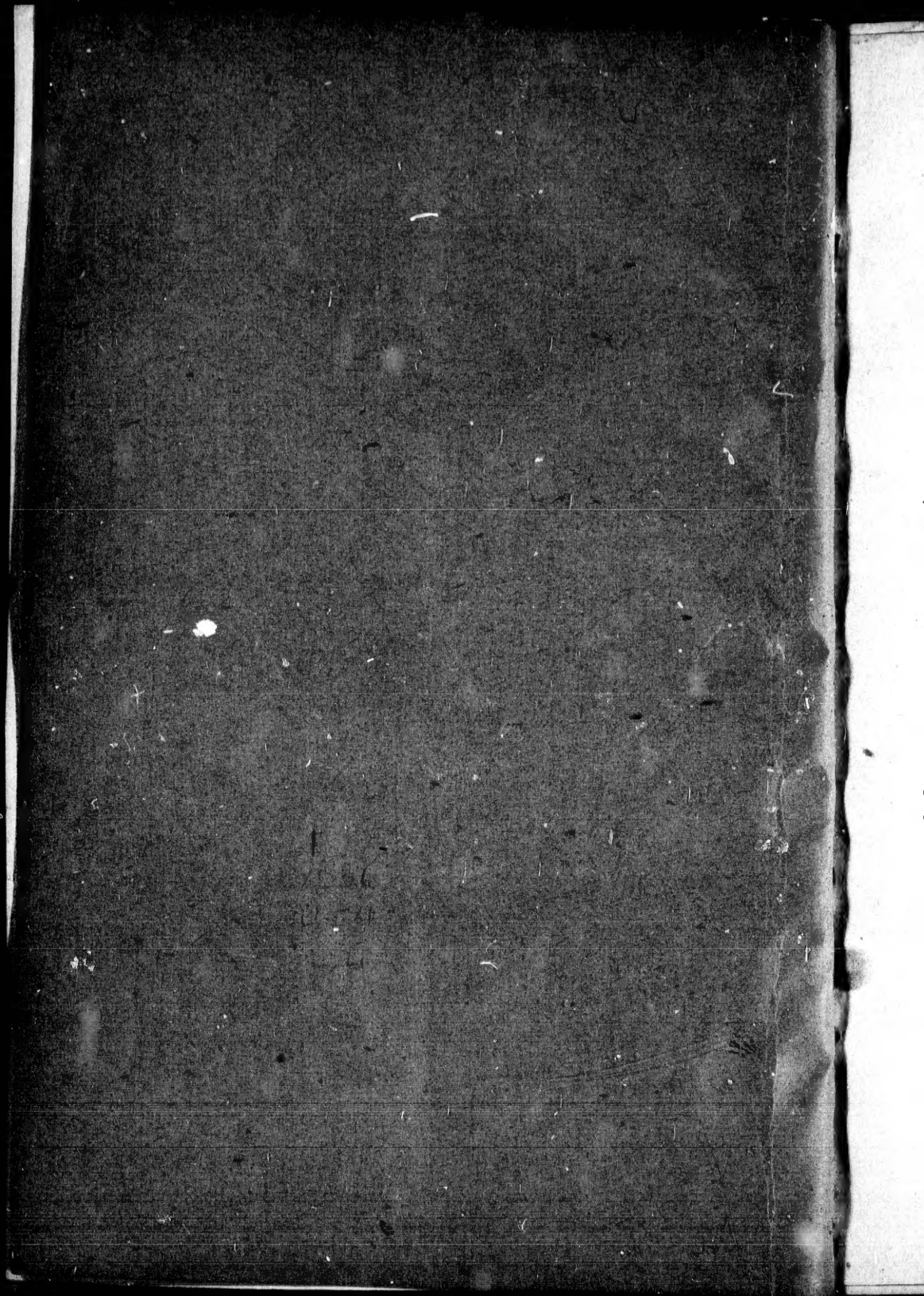


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To

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Having heard that you are of Loyalist descent, the U. E. L. Association sends you the accompanying pamphlet containing its by-laws, etc., in hope that you will become a member upon knowing its object and aim. The Association would also be pleased if you would bring the Society to the notice of those in your neighborhood, or elsewhere, who you know to be of Loyalist ancestry.

The attached form may be used in making the statement of lineage which should accompany an application for membership :—

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TO THE SECRETARY, U. E. LOYALIST ASSOCIATION OF N. S.,
HALIFAX, N. S.:

I hereby apply for membership in the U. E. L. Association of N. S.,
and, in accordance with the by-laws, append my family history, showing eligibility for election.

(Here state name of Loyalist ancestors with original place of residence in the Colonies; also, if possible, date of arrival and place of settlement in this country, number of members in the family, and any other facts of importance connected with their history during the revolution or subsequent to their arrival in the land of their adoption.)

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The descendants of the Loyalists of the American Revolution are at present scattered throughout the Dominion of Canada, and elsewhere. Very few, if any, are now residing upon the lands granted by the Crown to their ancestors. Within the last few years Loyalist Associations have been formed in Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick. The initial meeting of a similar Nova Scotian society was held at Halifax on May 11th, 1897, when the Hon. Alfred G. Jones (a loyalist of the third generation) was called to the chair and unanimously elected President.

Although this Society has been organized in Halifax, it is far from its wish to confine its membership to that city. It is essentially provincial, and not only is the membership of all persons of Loyalist descent throughout the province earnestly desired, but also their co-operation in collecting, and saving from destruction, manuscripts and traditions,—in a word, anything and everything that will throw light upon our Loyalist history and lineage, individually and collectively. Papers and letters sent the Association will be read at its meetings, and after being discussed, will be filed by the Historian for publication or preservation among the Society's archives.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1st.—To perpetuate the memory and principles of our Loyalist forefathers by bringing their descendants into closer relationship with one another.

2nd.—To foster a spirit of loyalty to the Empire among the people of Canada, reminding them that although they are Canadians yet they are first and foremost British subjects.

3rd.—To rescue from oblivion letters and other documents of an historical character, and to collect and write down, ere it is too late, oral traditions of the United Empire Loyalists and their times.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Member's Qualifications.—All persons of Loyalist descent, by either the male or female line, are eligible for membership, provided they have never taken an oath of allegiance to any other government. The wives or husbands of ordinary members may become associate members. Not being loyalists themselves, they shall not serve in any office, or vote at any meeting of the Society.

Admission of Members.—Candidates for admission must be proposed by a member at a meeting of the Association. Their application shall be laid before a Special Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the qualifications of applicants for membership. If the report of this Committee is satisfactory, the person shall be balloted for at the next meeting, and a majority shall elect. Members may be admitted by the Standing Committee by a unanimous vote at a meeting of that Committee, the notice of which shall specify the name of the candidate.

Every present member and every person applying for membership, shall send to the Historian of the Society a written statement of qualification, containing the name and full particulars, as far as possible, of Loyalist ancestor, and the names of those through whom descent is traced. If the Standing Committee finds this statement satisfactory, it shall be filed by the Historian, and a certificate of approval and membership given to the person upon payment of the first annual fee.

Dues.—Every member, or associate member, on or before the annual meeting in each year, shall pay a fee of one dollar to the Treasurer, and in default of such payment shall be disqualified from being elected to any office, or of voting at any meeting. Any member, or associate member, being two years in arrears, may be struck off the membership

list by the Committee. The fee for a family, viz., husband, wife, and unmarried children residing at home, shall be two dollars per annum, payable in advance. Life membership, fifteen dollars.

Meetings.—Meetings of the Association shall be held quarterly, or at such other times as shall be appointed, for the transaction of business, reading and discussion of papers, etc. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at such meetings. An annual general meeting for the election of office-bearers, etc., shall be held on such date as shall be hereafter decided upon. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President or a Committee, notice of which shall be sent to each member, stating the nature of the business.

Officers.—The officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents (one at least of whom shall be a lady), Honorary Vice-Presidents (at discretion), an Historian, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Legal Adviser, an Executive Committee, of eight members, half of whom shall be ladies; an Investigating Committee, of six members, of whom two at least shall be ladies.

Election for office shall be by ballot.

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